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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES  
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

IN RE: Susan Duenges  
112 Meeting House Road  
Haddam, CT 06438

Petition No. 941206-28-001

PRELICENSURE CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Susan Duenges (hereinafter "respondent") of Haddam, Connecticut has applied for licensure to practice as a radiographer by the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 376c of the General Statutes of Connecticut; and,

WHEREAS, respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that:

1. On November 1, 1989, she was arrested for possession of cocaine; and on August 16, 1990, she was convicted of one count of violation of §21a-277(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut for which she was sentenced to three years incarceration, execution suspended after one year followed by two years of probation. On September 28, 1992, she was granted an early termination of her probation.
2. From September 12, 1990 to November 26, 1990, she attended therapy at Middletown Counseling Center.
3. On March 18, 1994, she was convicted of one count of violation of §53a-60d of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Assault in the Second Degree with a Motor Vehicle, an element of which is operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. For that conduct, she was sentenced to three years incarceration, execution suspended with three years probation.
4. The conduct described in paragraphs 1 and 3 above constitutes grounds for denial of respondent's application for licensure pursuant to §19a-14 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-14 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Susan Duenges hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That she waives the right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. That she shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
3. That upon satisfaction of the requirements for licensure as a radiographer as set forth in §20-74bb of the General Statutes of Connecticut, her license to practice as a radiographer will be issued and shall immediately be placed on probation for four (4) years, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - A. At her own expense, she shall engage in therapy and counseling with a licensed or certified therapist (hereinafter "therapist") approved by the the Department.
    - (1) She shall provide a copy of this Prelicensure Consent Order to her therapist.
    - (2) Her therapist shall furnish written confirmation to the Department of his/her engagement in that capacity and receipt of a copy of this Prelicensure Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Prelicensure Consent Order.
    - (3) If respondent's therapist determines that therapy is no longer necessary, that a reduction in frequency of therapy is warranted, or that respondent should be transferred to another therapist, he/she shall advise the Department, and the Department shall pre-approve said termination of therapy, reduction in frequency of therapy, and/or respondent's transfer to another therapist. However, if therapy is terminated with approval of the Department, respondent's therapist shall continue to monitor her alcohol and drug free status

by monitoring and reviewing the observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol as described in paragraph 3B below, and by providing the reports described in paragraph 3C below.

- (4) The therapist shall immediately notify the Department in writing if respondent discontinues therapy and/or terminates his/her services.
- B. Respondent shall not obtain for personal use and/or use alcohol, controlled substances or legend drugs that have not been prescribed for her for a legitimate therapeutic purpose by a licensed health care professional authorized to prescribe medications.
- (1) At her own expense, she shall submit to observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol at a testing facility approved by the Department as ordered by her therapist and/or personal physician. Laboratory reports of random alcohol and drug screens shall be submitted directly to the Department by respondent's therapist or personal physician or by the testing laboratory. All such observed random drug and alcohol screens shall be legally defensible in that the specimen donor and chain of custody can be identified throughout the screening process. All laboratory reports shall indicate that the chain of custody procedure has been followed.
  - (2) She shall be responsible for notifying the laboratory, her therapist, and the Department of any drug(s) she is taking.
  - (3) There must be at least one (1) such observed random screen and accompanying laboratory report every week for the first year of probation; at least one (1) such screen every two weeks for the second year of probation; and, at least one (1) such screen every month for the third and fourth years of probation.
  - (4) All screens shall be negative for the presence of drugs and alcohol.
  - (5) All positive screen results shall be confirmed by gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS) testing.

- (6) Respondent is hereby advised that the ingestion of poppy seeds has, from time to time, been raised as a defense to a positive screen result for morphine and/or opiates. For that reason, respondent agrees to refrain from ingesting poppy seeds in any food substances during the term of this Prelicensure Consent Order. In the event respondent has a positive screen for Morphine and/or opiates, respondent agrees that the ingestion of poppy seeds shall not constitute a defense to such a screen.
- C. Respondent shall be responsible for the provision of written reports from her therapist directly to the Department for the entire probationary period; monthly for the first year of probation; and, quarterly for the second, third and fourth years of probation. Such reports shall include documentation of dates of treatment, an evaluation of respondent's progress in treatment and of her drug and alcohol free status as established by the observed random urine screens for drugs and alcohol, an evaluation of her ability to safely and competently practice as a radiographer, and copies of all laboratory reports. .
- D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, respondent's therapist shall immediately report to the Department any confirmed positive screen/report and any conduct or condition on respondent's part which does or may violate any federal or state statute or regulation applicable to her profession.
- E. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Prelicensure Consent Order to all current and future employers for the duration of her probation.
- F. Respondent shall be responsible for the provision of written reports directly to the Department from her employer monthly for the first year of probation; and, quarterly for the second, third and fourth years of probation. Employer reports shall include documentation of respondent's

ability to safely and competently practice the occupation of radiographer, and shall be issued to the Department at the address cited in paragraph 3K below.

- G. Respondent shall attend at least four (4) meetings a week of Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous during the entire probationary period.
- H. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing of any change of employment within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- I. Respondent shall notify the Department of any change in her home or business address within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- J. All reports required in paragraphs 3C and 3F are due according to the following schedule:
  - (1) Monthly reports are due on the tenth business day of every month commencing with the reports due March 14, 1995.
  - (2) Quarterly reports are due on the tenth business day of January, April, July and October. Quarterly reports shall commence with the reports due April 14, 1995.
- K. All correspondence and reports shall be addressed to:

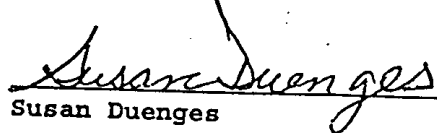
Bonnie Pinkerton, R.N.  
 Department of Public Health and Addiction Services  
 150 Washington Street  
 Hartford, CT 06106

- 4. That any deviation from the terms of this Prelicensure Consent Order without prior written approval by the Department shall constitute a violation. A violation of any term(s) of this Prelicensure Consent Order shall result in the right of the Department to immediately deem respondent's radiographer license


rescinded. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department's right to take action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods. Respondent waives any right to a hearing on the issue of violation of the terms of this Prelicensure Consent Order.

5. That legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Licensure and Renewal Section of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department.
6. That this Prelicensure Consent Order is effective when accepted and approved by a duly appointed agent of the Department.
7. That respondent understands this Prelicensure Consent Order is a matter of public record.
8. That respondent understands this Prelicensure Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admitted conduct in any proceeding before the Department in which her compliance with §20-74cc of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
9. That this Prelicensure Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Prelicensure Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
10. That respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

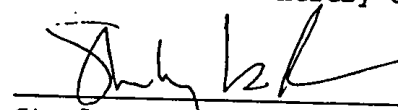
I, Susan Duenges, have read the above Prelicensure Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Prelicensure Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

  
Susan Duenges

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1995.

  
Notary Public or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation  
Commission Expires 3/31/95

The above Prelicensure Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1995, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

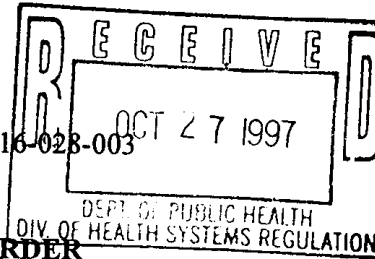
  
Stanley K. Peck, Director  
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In Re: Susan Duenges, Radiographer

Petition No. 971016-028-003



**MODIFICATION OF PRELICENSURE CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Susan Duenges of Haddam, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") entered into a Prelicensure Consent Order on February 22, 1995, which became effective on February 22, 1995, with the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") (a true and complete copy of which is attached hereto marked as Attachment "A"); and,

WHEREAS, on September 19, 1997, she violated the terms of the Prelicensure Consent Order by using alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, respondent, wishes to modify the aforementioned Prelicensure Consent Order;

NOW THEREFORE, the Prelicensure Consent Order is amended as follows:

1. In paragraph 3, the words "four (4)" are changed to "five (5)."
2. Paragraph 3B(3) is deleted and replaced with the following:

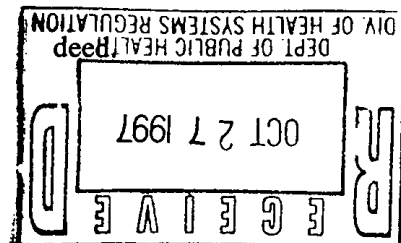
"There must be at least one (1) such observed random screen and accompanying laboratory report every week until October 1, 1998; at least one (1) such screen every two weeks from October 1, 1998 to October 1, 1999; at least one (1) such screen every month for the remaining five months of probation."



All other remaining terms and conditions of the Prelicensure Consent Order remain in effect.

This Modification of Prelicensure Consent Order is effective upon the order and acceptance of the a  
duly appointed agent of the Department.

I, Susan Duenges, have read the above Modification of Prelicensure Consent Order and I agree to the terms and conditions therein. I further declare the execution of this document to be my free act and



Susan W. Duenges  
Susan Duenges

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of October 1997.

Joann C. Turner  
Notary Public or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation **JOANN C. TURNER**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 31, 2002

The above Modification of Prelicensure Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1997, it is hereby accepted.

Cynthia Denne (ww)  
Cynthia Denne, Director  
Division of Health Systems Regulation



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

March 9, 2000

*(Also Duenges)*  
Susan W. McCormick, Radiographer  
112 Meeting House Road  
Haddam, CT 06438-1026

Re: Modification of Prelicensure Consent Order  
Petition No. 971016-028-003  
License No. 002579  
DOB [REDACTED]  
**Completion of Probation**

Dear Ms. McCormick:

Please be advised that the probationary terms of the above-referenced Modification of Prelicensure Consent Order have been satisfied, effective 03/03/2000.

Notice will be sent to the Department's Licensure and Registration section to remove all restrictions from License No. 002579, related to the above-referenced Modification of Prelicensure Consent Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Goldman".

Richard Goldman  
Paralegal Specialist II  
Division of Health Systems Regulation

cc: Debra Tomassone, PHSM  
Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC



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